question of privileged documents. The Commission has recorded evidence from Shri Chandrasekhar Ex. PM, T. N. Seshan CEC, Dr. Subramanian Swamy, President of Janata Party, Shri Ramamurthy former Tamil Nadu Congress (I) President Shri Vir Sanghvi and Govindan Kutty, Journalists apart from others.

In terms of orders passed by Delhi High Court in CWP No. 154494 by Shri Mushtaq Ahmed Vs. Union of India & Others, the Commission is now required to hold its inquiry from 29-7-87. However the final orders of the Delhi High Court on cut off date are still to be passed.

The Commission's present term is upto 31.8.1995. The Commission does not contemplate any interim report at this stage.

महिला जनसंख्या में कमी

5496. **श्रीमती आनन्दीबेन जेठाभाई पटेल** : क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) 1971, 1981 और 1991 की जनगणना के अनुसार प्रति हजार पुरुष पर कितनी-कितनी महिलाएं थीं ; और

(ख) पुरुषों की जनसंख्या की तुलना में महिलाओं की जनसंख्या में निरन्तर कमी आने के क्या कारण हैं ?

गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी० एम० सईद) : (क) 1971, 1981 और 1991 की जनगणनाओं के अनुसार प्रति एक हजार पुरुषों की तुलना में स्त्रियों की संख्या निम्नानुसार है :

जनगणना वर्ष	प्रति एक हजार पुरुषों की तुलना में स्त्रियों की संख्या
1971	930
1981	934
1991	927

(ख) 1971 और 1981 की जनगणनाओं के बीच प्रति एक हजार पुरुषों की तुलना में स्त्रियों की संख्या में कोई कमी नहीं हुई । 1981 और 1991 की जनगणनाओं के बीच प्रति एक हजार पुरुषों की तुलना में स्त्रियों की संख्या में कमी होने के विशिष्ट कारणों का पता नहीं लगाया गया है ।

Dowry deaths registered in Delhi police stations

5497. SHRI SANGH PRIYA GAUTAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the year-wise details of the cases of dowry deaths registered in each of the police stations in Delhi during the last three years.

(b) whether all the cases rave been investigated into;

(c) if so, the outcome thereof;

(d) whether any culprits have been apprehended;

(e) if so, the number thereof; and

(f) what measures have been taken to prevent such cases in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) The requisite information is given in the Annexure.

(b) to (e) The requisite information is given in the enclosed Annexure. (See Appendix 173, Annexure No. 120)

(f) The Crime Against Women Cell have been set up in all Police Districts of Delhi. Laws have been made more stringent to deal with the menace of dowry deaths. All offences under the Dowry Prohibition Act have been made cognizable, non-bailable and non-compoundable. A new provision (See 498-A) has been introduce in the Indian Penal Code providing for punishment for cruelty/harassment of women by their husbands and in-laws. In cases of death within seven years of marriage sec. 304B IPC has been inserted to provide for raising a presumption against husband or in laws thus shifting the bn us of burden of proof on them.